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SUBJ: CUBAN NOTE ON OFFICIAL FLIGHTS

1. (BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED) USINT RECEIVED, SEPTEMBER 5, FOLLOWING NOTE
TRANSLATED INFORMALLY BY USINT) DATED SEPTEMBER 3, FROM CUBAN
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS (MINREX).

2. IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW 1218 OF 1968, STATE OR OTHER OFFICIAL
FLIGHTS THAT WILL OVERFLY OR LAND IN CUBAN TERRITORY SHOULD
REQUEST SPECIAL PERMISSION NO LESS THAN TEN DAYS IN ADVANCE, FROM
THE CUBAN CIVIL AERONAUTIC AUTHORITY VIA THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN
RELATIONS. (THE APPLICATION) SHOULD CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING
INFORMATION:

- (A) NAE, NATIONALITY, AND BUSINESS ADDRESS OF THE OPERATOR/OWNER.
- (B) TYPE OF AIRCRAFT AND REGISTRATION NUMBER.
- (C) NAME OF PILOT.
- (D) POINT OF DEPARTURE AND DESTINATION.
- (E) AIR ROUTE ACCORDING TO FLIGHT PLAN.
- (F) DATE OF OVERFLIGHT
- (G) TYPE OF FLIGHT -PASSENGER, CARGO, OR MAIL.

APPLICATIONS FOR PERMISSION (FRANQUICIA) TO IMPORT ITEMS
COVERED BY DIPLOMATIC DUTY-FREE PRIVILEGES (FRANQUICIA DIPLOMATICA)
SHOULD BE REQUESTED THROUGH THE PROTOCOL ADMINISTRATION (OF
MINREX).

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IN CONSEQUENCE OF THE ABOVE, OVERFLIGHT AND LANDING PRIVILEGES
AS WELL AS CORRESPONDING ENTRY PERMISSION FOR OFFICE AND OTHER
GOODS PLANNED FOR CHARTER FLIGHTS ON 8 AND 9 SEPTEMBER SHOULD
BE ADJUSTED TO THE DESCRIBED STEPS.

END QUOTE.

3. USINT OFFICE (GLASSMAN), IN COURSE OF CALL ON LUIS GARCIA PERAZA, DIRECTOR OF NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS, SEPTEMBER 5, POINTED OUT THAT USINT COULD USUALLY SUPPLY INFORMATION ON POINTS D, E, F, AND G TEN DAYS IN ADVANCE, ALTHOUGH DATE OF FLIGHT WOULD SOMETIMES HAVE TO BE APPROXIMATE. INFORMATION ON POINTS A,B,AND C WOULD SOMETIMES NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL A FEW DAYS BEFORE FLIGHT DUE TO VICISSITUDES OF COMMERCIAL CHARTER OPERATIONS. IN ANY EVENT TEN DAY REQUIREMENT COULD NOT BE MET FOR SEPTEMBER 8 AND 9 FLIGHTS. GARCIA SAID THAT HE UNDERSTOOD PROBLEM AND WOULD TAKE IT UP WITH COMPETENT CUBAN AVIATION AUTHORITIES.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT REQUESTED TO PROVIDE REQUIRED DATA SOONEST FOR SEPTEMBER 8 AND 9 FLIGHTS AND TO KEEP IN MIND TEN DAY REQUIREMENT FOR FUTURE OVERFLIGHTS OR CHARTERS. END UNCLASSIFIED

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COMMENT: MENTION OF OVERFLIGHTS IN CUBAN NOTE MAY BE INTENDED TO APPLY TO BURNING WIND MISSIONS. DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL THAT CUBANS JUSTIFIED INTERCEPTION OF AUGUST MISSION ON GROUNDS THAT US AIR-CRAFT HAD ENTERED THEIR AIR DEFENSE/IDENTIFICATION ZONE. CARGIA PEREZA DID NOT SPECIFY TYPE OF OFFICIAL FLIGHTS TO WHICH NOTE APPLIES, BUT SAID THAT TEN DAY ADVANCE NOTIFICATION WAS NECESSARY TO AVOID DANGEROUS ACCIDENTS. END CONFIDENTIAL.
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